



*The Office of the Governor*

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2006-26**

**DIRECTING STATE AGENCIES TO CONSULT WITH IDAHO COUNTIES ABOUT  
MOSQUITO ABATEMENT AND WEST NILE VIRUS**

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*WHEREAS, there is risk to the public well-being from an outbreak of West Nile Virus;  
and*

*WHEREAS, mosquito infestations in counties across the State have directly contributed  
to a large number of confirmed West Nile cases; and*

*WHEREAS, the imminent threat of widespread illness and potential loss of life exist as a  
result of West Nile Virus; and*

*WHEREAS, there is peril to public safety which could be beyond the capacity of the  
services of impacted counties; and*

*WHEREAS, the abatement of mosquitoes by extraordinary means may be necessary to  
protect public health;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES E. RISCH, Governor of the State of Idaho, by authority  
vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the State of Idaho do hereby order:*

*The Departments of Agriculture, Fish and Game, Health and Welfare,  
Environmental Quality, and the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security shall consult  
with impacted Idaho Counties to assess and consider options for mosquito  
abatement in response to recent outbreaks of West Nile Virus.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand  
and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of  
Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 11th day of August in  
the year of our Lord two thousand and six and of the  
Independence of the United States of America the two  
hundred thirty-first and of the Statehood of Idaho the one  
hundred seventeenth.*

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A blue ink signature of James E. Risch, written in a cursive style.

**JAMES E. RISCH  
GOVERNOR**

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SECRETARY OF STATE**